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MILITARY ADDEES ALSO FOR POLAD

1. LATEST ROUND OF PERIODIC TALKS WITH BRITISH ON INDIAN OCEAN AREA LASTED DAY AND A HALF AND WERE CONDUCTED IN CONGENIAL ATMOSPHERE AND LOW-KEY INFORMAL STYLE, WITHOUT COMMITMENTS BY EITHER SIDE AS TO FUTURE POLICIES. UK SIDE CHAIRED BY FCO ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY THOMSON, WITH EMBASSY AND MOD PARTICIPANTS; US SIDE, LED BY PM BUREAU DIRECTOR VEST, INCLUDED STATE, DOD/ISA, JOINT STAFF AND ACDA PARTICIPANTS.

2. DISCUSSIONS REFLECTED BROAD AGREEMENT ON RESPECTIVE ASSESSMENTS OF IMPLICATIONS OF REOPENED SUEZ CANAL, SOVIET

MILITARY PRESENCE, PERCEPTIONS OF IRANIAN AND JAPANESE INTERESTS, AND DEVELOPMENTS IN SEYCHELLES AND MAURITIUS. CONGRESSIONAL STATUS OF OUR DIEGO EXPANSION REQUEST ALSO REVIEWED. WE AGREED TO CONTINUE TEMPORIZING ON JOURNALIST VISITS TO DIEGO UNTIL AFTER CONGRESS AND HMG TAKE FINAL ACTIONS, AND TO WORK OUT JOINT GUIDELINES FOR THIRD-COUNTRY SHIP VISITS TO DIEGO.

3. PRIMARY BRITISH CONCERN THAT SURFACED WAS MATTER OF HOW TO DEAL WITH LITTORAL COUNTRY (ESPECIALLY COMMONWEALTH) AND OTHER PRESSURES FOR SOME FORM OF ARMS LIMITATION IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA. THOMSON STATED HE FORESAW INCREASING PARLIAMENTARY (AND PUBLIC) QUERIES ON THIS ISSUE; DESCRIBED IMMEDIATE TACTICAL QUESTIONS OF IOPZ AND NFZ RESOLUTIONS IN UNGA; AND MENTIONED
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SUPPORT IN SOME QUARTERS OF HMG FOR AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL OF LAST MARCH (OR SOMETHING AKIN TO IT), WHICH URGED US-USSR TALKS ON NAVAL FORCE RESTRAINT IN THE OCEAN. VEST REPLIED THAT WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF POLITICAL IMPERATIVES OF THIS COMPLEX QUESTION, THAT WE ARE STUDYING ARMS RESTRAINT MATTER (WHICH BRITISH RAISED DURING LAST ROUND OF TALKS IN MAY), AND THAT WE WOULD CONSULT WITH HMG ONCE FORMAL POSITION REACHED.

4. BOTH SIDES UNDERTOOK TO KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA (ESPECIALLY IN SOMALIA) AND, AT UK INVITATION, TO SCHEDULE FOLLOW-ON TALKS NEXT SPRING IN LONDON, SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY PRINCIPALS. BOTH AGREED TO DEBRIEF INTERESTED ALLIES ON TALKS. (JAPANESE HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK INFORMATION;

WE WILL ALSO CALL IN NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN EMBOFFS.)

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